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Mr. Charles F. Lummis —
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Dear Sir :—

Will you be so kind as to send me a copy of your delightful "Spanish Songs of Old California"? I enclose a check for $1.60 which should cover postage as well as the book itself.

I note with interest in your preface that your "attic" contains many more old Spanish songs. Can you tell me if any of these have been published and if so where they are sold?

Most truly yours,

Elaine B. French

(Mrs. Leigh Milton French)

June 25,1924

My dear Mrs. French:

Thank you for your subscription, which I fill by return of mail. The price is $1.50 postpaid so I enclose 10¢ in stamps.

Of the 500 remaining Spanish Folksongs which I have recorded on wax in my phonograph, I think none have been published -- except a few "in skeleton" in my book "The Land of Poco Tiempo," thirty years ago (Scribners).

I am now at work with Mr. Farwell on 14 more songs to be brought out this Fall in the "Second Book." I think the selection will be as interesting as that in the First Book -- which has met with very wide favor all across the continent, and without the intervention of the dealers is already in its fourth thousand.

If the public interest warrants, I shall hope to follow with a Third Book next year -- and possibly a Fourth Book the year following. That will probably "feed up" the public appetite for such things; and I am not able to finance the crusade as a contribution to scholarship. But I expect later to put all 500 songs in a volume -- the simple melody with the words and an interlined translation -- a record for Science.

Trusting you will find the charm of these old Songs of the Soil,

Sincerely Yours

Mrs. Leigh Hill French,
Pasadena, Calif.